

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DEBBIE
TAMLIN

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize an outstanding individual from Ft. Collins, Colorado. Over the years Debbie Tamlin has distinguished herself as a business executive, a community leader, and a vital participant in our political process. Debbie's achievements are impressive and it is my honor to recognize several of those accomplishments today.

Debbie was raised in Colorado and received a Bachelors of Arts in Communication Disorders from Colorado State University. In 1978, she received her Colorado Real Estate Sales License followed by her brokers license in 1980. Since then she has immersed herself in an outstanding real estate career and served in numerous capacities of support for her field. She has served as Director for the National Association of Realtors, President of the Women's Council of Realtors, founding member of the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance, Director of Colorado Association of Realtors, and the Director of Fort Collins Association of Realtors.

To help serve her community and State, Debbie has given her time and energy to the political process by providing guidance and support to aspiring political candidates. She has been a driving force in the Colorado Republican Party and worked on campaigns in various capacities for county commissioners, Congressmen, Senators, and even President George W. Bush. Debbie has also given her time to noble efforts in the community such as founding the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and serving as a leader in groups such as Citizens for the Protection of Personal Property Rights, the Women's Development Council, and the Colorado Women's Leadership Coalition.

Mr. Speaker, Debbie Tamlin's list of achievements has not been overlooked during her career and her efforts have been repeatedly awarded over the years. It is now my honor to congratulate Debbie on her most recent and well-deserved award from her own community, the Realtor of the Year award. Debbie has been a model citizen for the community and I extend my thanks to her for her efforts. Keep up the good work Debbie and good luck in your future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER F.
HONBERGER

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, December 31, 2001, will mark the passing of an era, an era of accomplishment in the field of intergovernmental relations. On that day, a pioneer in Washington representation for California public policy and project development will retire from service.

Roger F. Honberger comes from a humble upbringing of enterprising parents from the

1930s. His mother is a Native American, born into the Pechanga Band of California Mission Indians at the turn of the century, and is presently the oldest living Tribal member. Roger was the first member of his family to graduate from college, the result of extensive sacrifice by his parents. After beginning his career in the field of Urban Planning, he returned to graduate school, where he distinguished himself and received degrees from both the University of London, England and Harvard University.

In his early career, he served as a professional planner with the County of Riverside, City of San Diego, National Capital Planning Commission, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. His federal experience in writing legislation, budget preparation, and program management led him to the establishment of his own government relations consulting firm in 1970, Roger Honberger Associates, Inc. He pioneered a new industry of dedicated people working with the Congress and Federal Administrations on behalf of the intergovernmental needs of state and local governments. Today, this industry serves countless public agencies from all corners of the nation.

Thirty years ago, Roger was selected from a field of 200 applicants by the County of San Diego to be their first Washington representative. At that time, the San Diego County Congressional Delegation consisted of Lionel Van Deertin, Bob Wilson, and Jimmy Utt. The only other state or local governments that had full time Washington offices when Roger began his work for San Diego County were the State of California, the County of Los Angeles, and the Cities of Los Angeles and San Diego. These were the only general-purpose governments from any other part of our great nation in those days that maintained a full time presence in Washington, D.C.

In his thirty years of representing San Diego County, Roger directly served 27 different elected members of the County's five person Board of Supervisors, and 8 different Chief Administrative Officers. The number of Congressional Districts in the County grew from 3 to 5 during the same period, and he worked closely with all 16 different Members of Congress elected from these districts since 1970. Five different Presidents recognized Roger for his work on public issues. He has also been recognized as Alumnus of the Year by the California State Polytechnic University, as well as by his High School Alumni Association from Perris, California. He is the only career County representative that the National Association of Counties has officially honored for professional accomplishments. He has had a truly remarkable career of public service.

A broad array of regional accomplishments in the County have benefited from Roger's efforts in Washington, D.C. These include: the establishment of the region's first alcohol detoxification center; development of the first solid waste recycling program; a countywide gasoline vapor recovery program; harbor cleanup; welfare reform; a multitude of flood control and highway projects; San Diego Trolley project construction; Sheriffs Department funding; lagoon preservation; drug addiction treatment; children's disease inoculation services; foster care program support; air quality program certification; and the prevention of off-shore oil drilling, just to name a few. The list is long and impressive.

Five years ago, Roger invited his long-standing associate, Thomas Walters, to become his partner, and the firm's name was changed to Honberger and Walters, Inc. For the past three years, Tom has been the firm's chief executive officer and owner. The firm continues to manage San Diego County's Washington office. Their other clients include the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, North County Transit, San Diego Unified Port District, the Sweetwater Authority, the Counties of Riverside and Ventura, the Monterey-Salinas Transit District, the Calleguas Municipal Water District, and the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians.

Roger has long been recognized as one of the leaders in his field and has lectured on intergovernmental relations and lobbying practice at San Diego State University, U.S. International University, University of Maryland, and the University of Arizona. He continues to be involved in a variety of American Indian issues and was one of the founders of the Harvard University Native American Alumni Association.

Many of us in the Congress have worked with Roger Honberger during his distinguished career. We will miss his friendly disposition and his dedicated hard work on behalf of his public clients. Above all, we will miss his candor and honesty. His word has always been his bond, something we have all appreciated and have grown to expect, regardless of the circumstances. We are happy to see that his high professional standards and style are being continued by Tom Walters without missing a beat. For this we are grateful, and we are grateful for Roger's sustained friendship and support over the years. We wish him the very best as he moves on to other endeavors.

THE ACCESS AND OPENNESS IN
SMALL BUSINESS LENDING ACT

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my good friend and colleague JIM MCGOVERN in introducing this legislation that will help minority and women entrepreneurs in securing small business loans from private lending institutions. The Access and Openness in Small Business Lending Act will ensure that lending institutions are providing minorities and women opportunities to obtain small business loans.

This legislation is similar to the 1990 amendment to the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) that holds financial institutions publicly accountable for their lending practices to applicants. Like HMDA, the Access and Openness in Small Business Lending Act will allow applicants, for small business and non-mortgage loans, to voluntarily and anonymously provide their race and gender information to banks and other institutions. Lending institutions under this legislation will be required to disclose the collected data to the public. These institutions already maintain databases on the geographic and loan size of applicant requests. The additional information collected on lending practices will help identify small business owners that remain underserved and expose additional profitable lending opportunities for lending institutions.